

July 20, 2004

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair Pro Tem  
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David Sanders, Ph.D.  
Director

**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR APRIL 20, 2004 BOARD ITEM # 9  
RE: CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE**

On April 20, 2004, your Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services to report back in 90 days on the feasibility of various strategies for locating missing youth in foster care. This report was due to you on July 20, 2004.

The Department is committed to making the recovery of missing children a high priority. We have convened a countywide task force to address this complex problem. Meetings are ongoing. Additional time is needed to finalize a recommended course of action. Therefore, we respectfully request an additional 60 days to submit a comprehensive report with strategies for both preventing runaway behavior for youth in care and quickly finding those youth who have run away. Unless instructed otherwise, we will submit the report by September 20, 2004.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Liaison at (213) 351-5530.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors